

HB Human Relations Task Force (HBHRTF)

Tuesday, September 7, 2010

Amended Minutes

I. Roll Call: 6:50PM

Present: Chancellor, Dagley, Garrick, Inouye, Nees, Jackle

Late: Rodriguez

Absent: Dekle, Goldenberg

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

Police Liaison: Sgt. Smith

II. Welcoming Remarks by Ken Inouye, Chair

Welcomed all HBHRTF members

III. Public Comments: (Three minutes per speaker)

Fred Provencher of HBReads announced the selection of "Barefoot Heart; Stories of a Migrant Child" by Elva Trevino Hart as the 2010/2011 book selection for HBReads. Mr. Provencher advised the Task Force the HBReads committee is prepared to support the Task Force in organizing an event to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in HB at which time the book title can be announced to the public.

Roxanna Jimenez and Kimberley McGlaughlin from the Parent Leadership Initiative were in attendance.

IV. Motion to Approve Minutes: August 3, 2010

Moved, Jackle, Second, Garrick

Approved 7, No 0, Absent 2 (Dekle, Goldenberg)

V. Special Reports/Presentations:

Sgt. Smith introduced Ms. Jana Harden, Community Services Program (CSP) Supervisor, who provided an overview of the Victim Witness Advocacy program. Ms. Harden discussed her roles and responsibilities in cases involving victims of hate crimes, sexual assaults, harassment, battery and she supports surviving family members of homicide. Harden's support for victims includes education of the judicial process, restitution and making victims aware of resources such as counseling. Nees inquired about restitution and Jackle questioned the process to educate young offenders' parents about services available. The HBHRTF currently sends victims of hate crimes a letter advising them there are community services available. So efforts are not duplicated between the CSP and the HBHRTF, it was decided the current text used in the Task Force letter will be reviewed by Ms. Harden to see how the Task Force letter can best serve its designated purpose.

A question from Garrick prompted Ms. Harden to inform the Task Force about diversion programs to educate youth so they don't pursue a path that could lead to criminal activity. These programs include anger management and drug abuse education.

VI. Status Reports:

1. Report of HBHRTF Donation account balance

Kuhnke reported account balance as follows: \$1791.64 HBHRTF Misc. Account

2. Report of Hate Crimes/Incidents (June – August 2010)

Sgt Smith reported two separate hate crimes occurred in HB, one in July and one in September.

Both incidents involved African American female victims being harassed by intoxicated white male perpetrators where racial slurs were used and the victims felt threatened and vulnerable. In the July incident the victim was able to notify police and an arrest was made. The case is proceeding through the system. In the September incident the HBPD has identified the white male and his whereabouts is being tracked so he can be arrested and prosecuted for his actions.

Sgt Smith reported the number of hate crimes in HB for calendar year 2010 is on track to average the number in previous years.

3. Report of Orange County Human Relations (OCHR) News/Activities

Inouye reported the OCHR is working with the OC Supervisors to identify essential versus non-essential programs. The budget for OCHR has been reduced by 33% due to financial challenges facing the county.

VII. Updates, Planning, and Possible Motions pertaining to the following events/programs:

1. Report of HRTF Student Representative Programs

Chancellor reported on Chapman University's Center for Holocaust Education and explained that it may be more cost effective to offer student tours of the Chapman Program versus the expense of traveling to The Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles. Chancellor indicated the Chapman Program could be used along with the Museum of Tolerance to have two avenues of training options for students. The school offers tours for groups of 15 to tour the Education Center. Task Force members Nees, Chancellor and Garrick will tour the Chapman facility on October 1 and report their impressions back to the Task Force at the next meeting.

2. Report of HB Reads book selection activities (August 2010)

Dagley and Rodriguez reported efforts are being undertaken to begin a fund raising drive to secure funds to pay for the authors visit scheduled for March 2011. The goal is to raise \$20,000 to cover all events leading up to the author's visit and to put HBReads in the black for the 2011 program.

3. Report and recommendation of Ad Hoc Committee for possible event in support of National Hispanic Heritage Month

Garrick proposed an event to be held October 13th at the HB Library to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with refreshments, a key note speaker and a question and answer period. The event would provide HBReads an opportunity to announce the 2010/2011 book title selection. Roxanna Jimenez and Kimberley McGlaughlin representing the Parent Leadership Initiative suggested calling the event: Hispanic Heritage Month: Celebrating Community. Roxanna and Kimberley indicated they can help promote the event through school and the Latino community.

Motion to approve the support of this event.

Moved, Garrick, Second Jackle

Approved 7, No 0, Absent 2 (Dekle, Goldenberg)

VIII. New Business

1. Discussion and possible motion pertaining to a proposal to develop a diversity slogan for the Task Force by holding a contest with local schools.

Due to other time commitments, Dagley recommended tabling this discussion until further notice.

2. Request and possible motion to approve annual dues payment to California Association of Human Relations Organizations (CAHRO)

Inouye provide a brief overview of the mission and objective of CAHRO.

Motion to approve the payment of \$50 to the CAHRO

Moved, Jackle, Second, Nees

Approved 7, No 0, Absent 2 (Dekle, Goldenberg)

IX. Task Force Member Comments:

Dagley advised he would not be able to attend the next Task Force meeting

Rodriguez advised the TF about a program she recently reviewed titled Bridges Out of Poverty

Inouye advised the TF of his recent communication with Ralph Bauer and Mr. Bauer's efforts to support the Hispanic community in HB.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35